

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to alter the mode of collecting the county tax, in Harford county, the further supplement to the act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.  
"By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the second time and not passed.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."  
The bill to alter the time of holding the levy courts in the several counties therein mentioned, the bill to open a road from Federalburgh, in the North-west fork of Nantidoke river, in Dorchester county, to Cratcher's ferry in said county, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.  
"By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the second time and passed.  
"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, passed November session, 1789, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.  
"By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.  
"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Amendment proposed. After the word "Queen-Anne," in the third line of the detached piece of paper, insert "Kent."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.  
And a representation from the trustees for building a new church in the city of Annapolis, endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.  
"By the senate, December 23, 1793: Referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.  
"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

Which was read.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

#### P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

A petition from Richard Sappington, of Harford county, praying to be permitted to exchange three per cent. stock for six per cent. stock, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Montgomery, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, concerning the property of Whetstone Point, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the allegations therein stated are true, and do recommend the following resolutions:

Whereas the United States may think it necessary to erect a fort, arsenal, or other military works or buildings, on Whetstone Point, for the public defence: And whereas Alexander Furnival has signified to this general assembly his willingness to relinquish his right to several acres of land on the said Point, bought from the state by the said Alexander Furnival, and bonded for, provided the state will give him up his bond, and allow him a reasonable consideration for his improvements thereon; therefore, RESOLVED, That the agent deliver to the said Alexander Furnival his bond as aforesaid, and allow him a reasonable consideration for his improvements thereon, and that the said land be retained by the state until the United States apply for the same for any of the purposes above mentioned.

RESOLVED, That upon the application of the president of the United States to the governor, for permission to erect a fort, arsenal, or other military works, on the said Point, for the purpose aforesaid, the governor shall and may grant the same, with the consent of the owner of the soil.

RESOLVED, That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized and directed to take provisional steps to put the said Point in a state of defence, should it appear from circumstances, or good information, that the safety of the state, or protection of commerce, requires such a measure.

By order, C. WAYMAN, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. O'Bryon, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repair the public roads in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and the message respecting the same, by the clerk.

Mr. Plater has leave of absence.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, for the accommodation of the general court on the eastern shore, did not contract with Cornelius West for painting the said house, and it being necessary for the preservation of the same, that it should be painted, RESOLVED, That the commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, in Talbot county, for the accommodation of the general court on the eastern shore, be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of eighty pounds, for the